main answer all the steps that have been taken by the U.P. Government have been narrated.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, I think the Government wants to protect the management because it is run by Yashpal Kapoor, one of the blue-eyed men of emergency. That is why they want to protect the management.

MR. CHAIRMAN: *Obiter dicta.*

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I want to know the dues of provident fund and ESI which the management has to pay to the employees. Is it a fact that the management has never botherd to deposit its share for the provident fund and ESI?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: There is 1,0 question of protecting anybody. Eveiy-body is subject to the law. As for the default in the provident fund, the amount of arrear as far as Delhi unit is concerned is Rs. 10.93 lakhs and it is Rs. 18.16 lakhs as far as Lucknow unit is concerned. Com-plaints have been lodged under sections 406 and 409 of the IPC and prosecutions are going on.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: What about the deposits?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: 'National Herald' stands on a special footing not only because it was founded by great Jawaharlal Nehru but it is treated unofficially as the Congress (I) paper. In spite of the patronage given by the Government in the form of advertisements and purchasing bulk copies to be distributed free everywhere, this paper's management has been following anti-labour policies. Recently they have closed down the Lucknow edition suddenly with one day's notice, throwing all the employees out of employment. Will the Government be strict with its management and see that they stopped following the anti-labonr policies and also that they reopened the Lucknow edition taking back all the employees?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Yes, I am also informed that the Lucknow edition has been closed from 1st of May. I had been in touch with the Government of U.P. In fact on Sunday last the Minister of Labour from U.P. herself came down *to* Delhi and we had a discussion on that day. There wa$_s$ a discussion between the management, U.P. Government and the employees and I was assured that another meeting has been convened today at Lucknow and they are trying to resolvo the issue.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: Sir, it is very unfortunate that in a metro-politan city like the capital important papers are closed. Yesterday we discussed about one daily which is an important newspaper of India. And *National Herald* is closed at Delhi and also at Lucknow. I think the Ministry is not taking any effective steps to reopen these national dalies. They must use the machinery for conciliation and also their good offices. A deputation from the National Herald Employees' Union met hon. Prime Minister in the month of lanuary and I think the Minister was also present at that time. There it was assured that steps would be taken to s*e that the paper reopened. The very important thing, apart from P.P. and ESI contributions, b that if th$_e$ papers do not reopen, not only the public suffers but also the employees suffer very much. May I know from the Minister what steps he will be taking immediately for the reopening of there newspapers both at Delhi and Lucknow?

SHRI P. A. SANGMA: As I have made it very clear in the beginning, the appropriate Government to take action is the State Government of UP and the Union Territory administration. As far as the *Hindustan Times* is concerned, which hon. Member is referring to, the appropriate Government is Delhi Administration. Therefore, it is for them to take appropriate steps, I can only help them to solve the problem.

SHRI S. W. DHABE; I am not saying that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: His answer is correct. The appropriate Government is the State Government and Delhi Administration.